

REMARKS

By the above amendment, new dependent claims 8 and 9 which depend from claim 1 have been presented.

The requirement for election of one of the alleged following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention identified by the Examiner as species A, first embodiment, Fig. 1, claims 1 - 3; species B, second embodiment, Fig. 10, claims 4 and 5; and species C, third embodiment, Fig. 16, claims 6 and 7, is traversed in that the claimed embodiment are related to one another in terms of a liquid crystal display device having common features.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, species A identified as the first embodiment, Fig. 1 and submit that in addition to claims 1 - 3 indicated by the Examiner as readable on species A, newly added claims 8 and 9 which depend from claim 1 are also readable on the elected species A, it being noted that claim 8 recites features as more clearly illustrated in Fig. 3 while claim 9 recites features more clearly illustrated in Fig. 5.

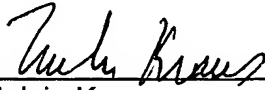
For the foregoing reasons, applicants request withdrawal of the election requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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